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1. IN CONNECTION WITH ARMED FORCES DAY MARCH 7, FOUR COMMANDANTS, GABRIES NDIKUMANA, GERARD BUGEGUZA, ALEXIS NIMUBONA AND JESIPH RWURI, WERE PROMOTED TO MAJOR AND FOUR NEW SECOND LIEUTENANTS, HABONIMANA, MADEYI,

SINZINKAYO, AND A CHAPLAIN HABONIMANA, TOOK OATH.

2. COMMENT: COMMANDANTS PROMOTED APPEAR REPRESENT DIFFERENT TENDENCIES: NDIKUMANA SHARP, PERHAPS LEFT-LEANING; BUGEGUZA ONLY AVERAGE BUT COL. NDABAMEYE' S PROTEGE; NIMUBONA GANWA MODERATE WHO TOOK FAIRLY ACTIVE ROLE IN REPRESSION, PERHAPS OUT OF FEAR; AND RWURI, LEADING FIGURE DURING REPRESSION, WHEN HE WAS ARMY' S SECOND IN COMMAND. TO SOME EXTENT PROMOTIONS MAY REPRESENT ATTEMPT MOLLIFY OFFICERS PASSED OVER IN DECEMBER.
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